

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
Public Board Meeting**

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**Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2018**

Name		Title	Present	Absent
Ashby, D.	Commissioner			
Bouyoukas, S.	Commissioner			
Evans, K.	Commissioner			
Hardesty, J.	Commissioner/Treasurer			
Laws Jr, A.	Commissioner			
Leikach, N.	Commissioner			X
Morgan, K.	Commissioner/President			
Oliver, B.	Commissioner			
Peters, R.	Commissioner			
Toney, R.	Commissioner/Secretary			
Yankellow, E.	Commissioner			
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel			
Felter, B.	Staff Attorney			
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director			
Fields, E.	Deputy Director of Operations			
Brand, E.	Licensing, Legislative and Regulation Manager			X
Evans, T.	Compliance Director			
Chew, C.	Management Associate			X



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		<p><b>II. Tech-Check-Tech Survey</b></p> <p>II. Following a discussion, motion by D. Ashby to move forward with the survey; striking question 13, produce a question regarding setting and unit of use/unit of dose, and remove registration in question 3, replace with validation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bouyoukas.</p> <p>7 Yay 3 Opposed</p> <p>Following a discussion, motion by A. Laws, Jr to refer to the Executive Committee for proposed changes and seek a professional contractor 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Hardesty</p> <p>7 Yay 3 Opposed</p> <p><b>III. Inspector Robbery protocol</b></p> <p>III. T. Evans, Compliance Director introduced the new robbery protocol established for inspectors to be implemented after proper training.</p>		

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<b>B. Operations Report</b>	<b>E. Fields, Deputy Director/ Operations</b>	<b>1. Procurement and Budget Updates</b> <b>a) August 2018 Financial Statements</b>  <b>2. Management Information Systems (MIS)</b> <b>Unit Updates None</b>	1a. A report on Board revenue was provided for the month of August. Board revenue is slightly higher due to distributor renewal season.																															
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<b>D. Compliance</b>	<b>T. Evans Compliance Director</b>	<p><b>1. Unit Updates</b></p> <p><b>2. Monthly Statistics</b></p> <p><b>Complaints &amp; Investigations:</b>  New Complaints – 20  Disciplinary Actions in Another State – 4  Dispensing Error – 4  Employee Pilferage – 1  Failure to Notify of Relocation – 1  Professional Misconduct – 4  Inspection Issues – 3  Sterile Compounding – 2</p> <p>Resolved (Including Carryover) –40  Actions within Goal – 24/40  Final disciplinary actions taken – 10  Summary Actions Taken – 2  Average days to complete -144</p> <p><b>Inspections:</b></p> <p>Total – 151</p>	2. T. Evans, Compliance Director provided a synopsis of the monthly statistics the Board office receives to investigate.																					



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<p><b>III. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>A. Practice Committee</b></p>	<p><b>R. Peters, Chair</b></p>	<p><b><u>Joseph F. Nusbaum</u></b></p> <p>We are looking for guidance in situations where the physician is prescribing opioids for quantities that exceed the patient’s insurance limits. The physicians are providing the patient with two prescriptions; one that the patient pays for out of pocket.</p> <p>Is this an acceptable way to address the patient’s needs without running afoul of the DEA? We are concerned that since the CRISP reports that the patient is getting medication both through insurance and cash that this doesn’t look good.</p> <p>We find ourselves in a conundrum about everyday opioid filling policies because the government seems to add new guideline and policies on a daily basis and we would like to have policies and procedures that meet or exceed what is expected of neighborhood pharmacy.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> In response to your inquiry, there are several options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the pharmacy’s software allows, a single prescription should be treated as a “split” fill, i.e., the first fill will cover the amount covered by insurance; the second fill will cover the portion to be paid in cash. There will be only one prescription number. Both fills must be done at the same time. This is the preferred option.</li> <li>2. If the pharmacy’s software does not allow option 1, there should be two different prescriptions, one for the amount covered by insurance; the second would cover the amount paid in cash. The second prescription should have a “do not fill before” date</li> </ol>	<p>Motion by J. Hardesty to approve amended draft response to include the wording “and use professional judgement”; 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Evans.</p>	<p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p>

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		<p>and should be dispensed when the first prescription is finished.</p> <p>3. Same scenario as option 2; however, in this instance, the patient is unable to make two trips to the pharmacy. Write two prescriptions, one for the amount covered by insurance, and one for the remainder, and dispense both at the same time.</p> <p>Regardless of the option chosen, the pharmacist should be very careful to fully document the circumstances on the prescription. Additionally, the pharmacist should also see guidance from the DEA with regard to federal law regarding this matter and use professional judgement.</p> <p><b><u>Dan Morrow</u></b></p> <p>I have a question regarding Remote Automated Medication Systems that I can't seem to come to a conclusion from regulations.</p> <p>We are trying to service a hospice in-patient unit that does not have a pharmacy on site. They have an Omnicell that we would be supplying medications to, reviewing prescriptions sent by the physicians, and maintaining the operation machine. My question is, are we able to give power of attorney to the nurses that work at the in-patient unit to stock the machine if a pharmacist prepares the medications and has visual communication while the machine is being stocked?</p> <p>Any guidance on this topic would be appreciated.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> In response to your inquiry, if the pharmacy owns or leases the machine, a nurse may not stock it. A licensed pharmacist or registered pharmacy technician may stock the automated</p>	<p>Recommendation by Committee to approve draft response; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Hardesty</p>	<p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p>



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		<p>medication system as provided in COMAR 10.34.28.07.</p> <p><b><u>Perry Shafner</u></b></p> <p>Question on behalf of Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) Inpatient Pharmacy, with a question regarding the storage of patients' own medications.</p> <p>When patients bring their own medications into our hospital, and are unable to send them home with a family member, our current process is to seal them in a bag, which is brought to the inpatient pharmacy for storage. However, we found that this process does not consistently result in the successful return of these medications to the patients upon discharge. The degree of accumulation of unclaimed personal medications is unacceptable to us, as it does not reflect the quality of care that our organization strives to provide our patients.</p> <p>In order to more reliably return personal medications to our patients, we would like to streamline the process of storing patient belongings, by having all personal belongings, including medications, stored in our Security department. This way, nurses would have only one place.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Please be advised that the Board of Pharmacy does not review internal security policies for institutional pharmacies. COMAR 10.34.03.08P provides that it is the responsibility of the director of pharmacy to "[e]stablish policies and procedures for identification, handling, storage, and disposition of medications brought into the institution by the patients."</p>	<p>Recommendation by the Committee to approve draft response; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashby</p>	<p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p>

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B. Licensing Committee	D. Ashby, Chair	<p>1. Review of Pharmacist Applications: NONE</p> <p>2. Review of Pharmacy Intern Applications: NONE</p> <p>3. Review of Pharmacy Technician Applications: NONE</p> <p>4. Review of Distributor Applications: NONE</p> <p>5. Review of Pharmacy Applications: NONE</p> <p>6. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Programs: NONE</p> <p>7. New Business:</p> <p>a. <b>DivvyDose</b>-Company is requesting the Board allow for pharmacy to obtain a permit. Pharmacy previously (2016) submitted an application; however, the owner was an actively licensed Physician/Surgeon. The owner has since retired. <u>Licensing Committee Recommendation:</u> Deny. The owner's Physician license is still active.</p> <p>b. <b>Edward Bell</b>-Review for denial of CE request. <u>Licensing Committee Recommendation:</u> Approve for 2 CE hours.</p>	<p>a) Recommendation by Committee to deny; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Toney</p> <p>b) Recommendation by Committee to approve 2 hours; 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bouyoukas</p>	<p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p> <p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p>

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		<p>c. <b>Hannah Jun</b>-Review for denial of CE request. <u>Licensing Committee Recommendation</u>: Deny</p> <p>d. <b>Howard Minster</b>-Review for denial of CE request. <u>Licensing Committee Recommendation</u>: Deny</p> <p><b>S. Bouyoukas recused</b></p> <p>e. <b>Heta Sheth</b>-Pharmacist Sheth is requesting refund of law book cost of \$35. She claims that she never received the law book. Our records do not reflect that the book was returned. She took and passed the MPJE. <u>Licensing Committee Recommendation</u>: Approve</p>	<p>c) Recommendation by Committee to deny; 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bouyoukas</p> <p>d) Recommendation by Committee to deny; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Peters</p> <p>e) Recommendation by Committee to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Peters</p>	<p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p> <p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p> <p>The Board voted to approve this motion.</p>
C. Public Relations Committee	E. Yankellow, Chair	<p><b>Public Relations Committee Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee met on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The CE Breakfast will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton North. This is a new location. Registration is on the Board's website. The registration fee for the breakfast is \$10.00. 145 in person guests and 44 webinar registrants are registered thus far.</li> <li>Topics are to include the opioid addiction, PDMP, and medication takeback. MDH Secretary Neall will be in attendance to provide greetings, and recognition of those</li> </ul>		

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		<p>pharmacist who have been practicing for 60 years or more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly newsletter will include trends frequently observed during pharmacy inspections.</li> <li>The committee continues to review the working conditions survey. Once completed, an article will be drafted for the newsletter.</li> </ul>		
D. Disciplinary	J. Hardesty, Chair	<p>Disciplinary Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee met September 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>A confidential discussion will be held in the Board's Closed Public Session.</li> </ul>		
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	N. Leikach, Chair	<p>Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update: NONE</p>	.	
IV. Other Business & FYI	K. Morgan, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President, K. Morgan, provided an update of the Bi-annual Board Commissioner and Executive Director's meeting held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, with Mr. Schrader and Secretary Neall.</li> <li>President, K. Morgan, wished all pharmacists a Happy World Pharmacist Day.</li> </ul>		

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<b>V. Adjournment</b>	<b>K. Morgan, President</b>	<p><b>A. The Public Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>B. K. Morgan convened a Closed Public Session to conduct a medical review committee evaluation of confidential applications.</b></p> <p><b>C. The Closed Public Session was adjourned. Immediately thereafter, K. Morgan, convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases.</b></p> <p><b>D. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Closed Public Session and the Administrative Session.</b></p>	Motion to close the Public Board Meeting by D. Ashby; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by K. Evans.	The Board voted to approve this motion.